

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	June 18, 2014
BOARD MEETING	July 1, 2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approval to enter into a Legal Entity Agreement with Alpine Special Treatment Center, Inc.
PROGRAM	Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD)
DEADLINES	July 1, 2014
COST & FUNDING	<p>IMD beds will be purchased at rates established by the State plus a treatment patch that provides more intensive staffing to meet the treatment needs of individuals with higher levels of acuity. There is no Maximum Contract Amount (MCA). IMD beds are purchased on an “as needed basis” to meet the demand for locked, intensive treatment for individuals being released from State hospitals, County Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), State prisons or County jails, and individuals in lower levels of care requiring treatment at a higher level of care. Three levels of care will be provided at ASTCI with daily rates of \$239.89 for individuals appropriate to transition back into the community; \$395.98 for individuals with moderate acuity; and \$478.65 for individuals with severe acuity transitioning from State hospitals. The total cost of this Agreement is funded by Sales Tax Realignment and Net County Cost (NCC) Overmatch included in DMH's FY 2014-15 Final Adopted Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process.</p> <p>There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.</p>
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To execute a Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with Alpine Special Treatment Center, Inc. (ASTCI), to purchase up to 50 Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) beds as needed to provide mental health services for individuals with a mental illness being discharged from Los Angeles County (County), State and private hospital psychiatric units. The term of the agreement will be effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with provisions for two automatic one-year extension periods.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best	<p>Despite the ongoing efforts to decompress psychiatric inpatient and emergency units in the County, there remains a need for additional psychiatric resources, namely IMD beds. IMD beds intend to alleviate the impacted units of County and State facilities by enabling the flow of mental health consumers from higher levels of care to lower levels of care but who are not clinically ready to live in a board and care facility or to live independently. These facilities are paid a higher daily rate to provide increased staffing and services for consumers with many psychiatric disorders.</p> <p>The constant demand for psychiatric services and a lack of IMD beds in the County has resulted in the need to contract with psychiatric facilities located outside of the County to create flow in the DMH system of care. In 2013, DMH</p>

use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	conducted a statewide survey to locate additional IMD beds available for County consumers. The survey revealed IMDs statewide were operating at capacity, with the exception of ATSCI in San Diego County. ASTCI has the available capacity for the purchase of additional beds and the experience necessary to provide IMD services. ASTCI was chosen in order to create a real time solution to the extended stays in County hospital inpatient units of conservatees awaiting IMD placement that no longer require acute inpatient level of care.
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